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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education

ACTION: Comment Request

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SUMMARY: The Department of Education (the Department), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the reporting burden on the public and helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before [insert the 60th day after publication of this notice].

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov or mailed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, LBJ, Washington, D.C. 20202-4537. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that Federal agencies provide interested parties an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

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Type of Review: Reinstatement

Title of Collection: Baccalaureate and Beyond Longitudinal Study 2008/12 (B&B:08/12) Field Test 2011

OMB Control Number: 1850-0729

Agency Form Number(s): N/A

Frequency of Responses: Annually

Affected Public: Individuals or households

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 3,782

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 805

Abstract: This requests for OMB approval is to conduct a second follow-up field test for the Baccalaureate and Beyond Longitudinal Study of 2008/2012 (B&B:08/12), from June through October 2011. The primary purpose of the B&B series of studies is to describe the various paths of recent college graduates into employment and additional education. Baseline data for the B&B:08 cohort were collected as part of the National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS:08). The first follow-up interview (B&B:08/09) collected information from respondents one year after they received their bachelor's degree; the second follow-up (B&B:08/12) will collect data four years after bachelor's degree receipt. Interview data will be supplemented with a variety of administrative data sources, including the Central Processing System, the National Student Loan Data System, and the National Student Clearinghouse. This request also requests a waiver of the 60-day Federal Register notice for the full-scale data collection package. Full-scale data collection will take place from July 2012 through March 2013.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from http://edicsweb.ed.gov, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 4416. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, LBJ, Washington, D.C. 20202-4537. Requests may also be electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov or faxed to 202-401-0920. Please specify the complete title of the information collection and OMB Control Number when making your request.

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